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The IURC Debuts the Electronic Filing System

New service designed to serve Indiana's utility industry

INDIANAPOLIS – In order to meet the evolving needs of Indiana's utility industry, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) developed an electronic filing system (EFS).

The EFS is a web-based application that allows utility companies, law firms and other various organizations to voluntarily submit information electronically to the IURC. Beginning on February 17, the Commission will accept electronic filings in docketed cases, confidential documents as related to docketed cases and general submissions. The Commission will also continue to accept hardcopy filings under current procedures.

To access the EFS, please follow this link: http://iurcweb.urc.in.gov/efs/.

"We are pleased to offer this service as an additional option for any party who participates in proceedings before the Commission," said Joseph Sutherland, Executive Director. "As we continue to look for ways to make government more accessible and efficient, our team is confident the EFS will improve workflow and streamline the administrative process."

In order to educate users on how to navigate the EFS, the IURC will host training seminars, both in-house and online so that users can receive hands-on training and ask questions related to its use. The seminars are expected to last approximately 20 minutes. For a complete list of training materials and information pertinent to the EFS, please visit: www.in.gov/iurc/2522.htm.

If you are interested in attending a seminar in-house, please RSVP to <u>ddravet@urc.in.gov</u> at least 48 hours in advance. The training seminar schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 24 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - o Judicial Courtroom 222, 101 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN
- Wednesday, February 25 @ 2:30 p.m.
 - Webinar For more information on how to log in, please visit: http://www.in.gov/iurc/2522.htm.
- Tuesday, March 3 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - Webinar For more information on how to log in, please visit: http://www.in.gov/iurc/2522.htm.
- Wednesday, March 4 @ 2:30 p.m.
 - o Judicial Courtroom 224, 101 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

The EFS has been in development since last year and has undergone user testing both internally by IURC staff and externally by industry colleagues.

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The Commission is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the IURC is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide adequate and reliable service at reasonable prices.